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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed to submit a copy of an Office Action dated June 16, 2004, which was mailed by the Japanese Patent Office during the prosecution of related Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-180681. A copy of the Office Action is attached. A copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-530856 (cited in the attached Office Action) is not submitted as it was previously submitted in an IDS filed on July 17, 2003.

The Director is authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. R2184.0097/P097-B. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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